
Chair Melnyk called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm

1. Announcements
   a. General -
   b. IPC -
      i. Collaboration between Middlesex and CCSU. A space will exist on Middlesex’ campus allowing for CCSU staff to work with students. Similar spaces will be forthcoming with Manchester and Tunxis
      ii. Doctor of Physical Therapy director search is ongoing
      iii. BOR has modified policy regarding under enrolled, low completer programs (attached)
      iv. President Toro indicated that BOR is exploring program review processes (consideration for elimination). Something should be coming soon
      v. UPBC should explore the program review process at CCSU
      vi. Consider the AAUP contract, Faculty Senate and the BOR standards operating procedures for program review process
      vii. CHEFA (Connecticut Health & Educational Facilities Authority) funding is being put on hold by the state at the moment as we explore teaching modalities – will the focus be on-ground or online?
   c. FPC (first meeting is 10/20)

2. Brief Reports / Division updates (if needed)
   a. CBCO
      i. UPBC suggestions were incorporated into budgets calls sent out on 10/11
      ii. $2 million hold back will be impacted by Fall to Spring retention
   b. Provost
      i. CSU’s are exploring working collaboratively with research seminars, thesis advising at the graduate level (faculty load credit would not be possible)
      ii. A plan is being constructed to reach out to students who are close to finishing but left who can now pursue the Bachelor of General Studies
iii. BGS goes live Spring 2022 – Interested students will go through Beth Merenstein
iv. Call for Academic Affairs positions went out to the Academic Deans/Departments
v. Meeting scheduled for Friday 10/22 with Provost, President and CBCO to discuss requests
vi. We do not anticipate need for new faculty lines considering anticipated retirements and currently unfilled positions
vii. New faculty lines would be justified by enrollment growth

3. Old Business
   a. Questions regarding BOR and future budgetary decisions
      i. FY 2022 projected reserves appear to be increasing because we received federal funding
      ii. Without federal aid (stimulus finds), we would be looking at a $150 million decline
      iii. Projections already take into account anticipated retirements
      iv. “Reserves” money is already allocated
      v. Stimulus money was meant to replace lost revenue from enrollment and on-campus housing drops
      vi. Anticipate the money being depleted by 2022

4. New Business
   a. As an FYI...When questions arise, UPBC explores and finds answers
   b. Ex-Officio committee members are valuable assets who provide appropriate input and answers
   c. Action Item: How does UPBC play a role in working with the university and board to save money as we explore eliminating programs

5. Adjournment 2:27 PM

Next Meeting November 2, 2021 via MS Teams